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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Response to Legislative Assembly Resolution - Wanniasa Park and
Ride Access.**

Statement

**Mr Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Roads and Active Travel**

I am pleased to be able to report back to the Legislative Assembly on the investment the Government is making in the Wanniasa Park and Ride. This is one of many investments we are making across the Territory to keep Canberrans moving.

As part of the installation of the Wanniasa Park and Ride in 2017, a disability accessible path was provided to allow safe and easy access for all members of the community to the new facilities.

To ensure compliance against the relevant design standards, the path was required to be lengthened to minimise its gradient and allow adequate access for mobility devices.

An independent flood study was undertaken prior to the construction of the carpark, bus stops and the connecting path. This study included recommendations to ensure the safety of the community and the Government took reasonable steps at the time of construction to adhere to these recommendations.

Despite this, I have asked Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to consider what may be done to further improve safety at the facility.

More recent investigations undertaken by TCCS revealed that as a result of the lengthening of the path to ensure accessibility, some users of the Park and Ride are short cutting across the grass from the carpark to the closest section of the path, resulting in damage to landscaping and dirt to pool on the path itself.

I am pleased to announce that TCCS will undertake improvements to the site including fencing and further landscaping to discourage users who short-cut the path and remove the possibility of dirt moving onto the path.

Further, I am pleased to announce that TCCS will provide a footpath link along Rylah Crescent onto Langdon Avenue and along Athllon Drive to the bus stop, creating an alternative route for pedestrians and mobility impaired users. This footpath link will be particularly beneficial following periods of heavy rainfall. Construction of this path will occur as part of the upcoming duplication of Athllon Drive.

In addition to improving the accessibility for bus users at Wanniassa, earlier this week I announced that the Government will be expanding the Park and Ride facility in Wanniassa. The facility has proven to be incredibly popular, as many residents in Tuggeranong are choosing to use the R4 and R5 rapid bus routes that provide frequent and reliable public transport options from Tuggeranong.

I look forward to seeing the results of these works in the future.